GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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HARASSMENT TO TOURISTS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the incidents of harassment, fraud and murder of tourists in various parts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested/involved in these crimes during the last one year and thereafter; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) and (c): Safety and security of tourists is primarily the responsibility of law enforcing agencies of the State Governments. The Government of Rajasthan has deployed Tourist Police Force in addition to normal Police forces at the tourist places in Jaipur for the security of tourists.The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Complaint Cell since November, 2001 and a constant monitoring is done by Directorate General`s Office through its regional offices. So far, 12 cases have been reported out of which three have already been settled and others are at various stages of investigation. As far as Rajasthan is concerned, Indiatourism, Northern Region, has been in constant touch with the State Government of Rajasthan to eradicate the crimes against the tourists.